**Decline in the passenger and cargo shares of Air India and Indian Airlines**

4177. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1118 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the market share of Air India in transporting cargo to international destinations and that of Indian Airlines in transporting passengers and cargo to neighbouring countries has declined considerably in the recent periods;

(b) if so, what are the details of decline in the passenger and Cargo shares of Air India and Indian Airlines on international routes during the last three years;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet international competition from other international Air services; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the internal and international routes losses of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Airbus A-320 pressed into commercial use**

4178. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3652 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th August, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the newly acquired Airbus A-320 flights have been pressed into commercial use;

(b) what is the daily passenger movements in the flights in our country; and

(c) what steps Indian Airlines are taking to augment the growing trend for flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Average number of passengers carried daily by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during 1991-92 were 24,344 and 836 respectively.

(c) Indian Airlines has placed an order for acquisition of 12 more Airbus A-320 aircraft for delivery during 1993 and 1994.

**Cut in Operations of Indian Airlines and Air India**

4179. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to effect a cut in the operation of Indian Airlines flights and to ban recruitment in the Indian Airlines Corporation and in Air India;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the extent of cut in the Indian Airlines operation;

(c) which are the Private Airlines that have now been permitted to operate their flights in the country; and

(d) whether under the relevant Act, operation of private Airlines in the country is permissible?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines had curtailed its operations to the extent of about 7.5 per cent from 1st August, 1992 due to operational constraints and seasonal drop in traffic. While there is no ban on recruitment in Air India, a temporary ban on direct recruitment in Indian Airlines has been

imposed by the management with effect from 22nd July, 1992 pending review of the manpower position.

(c) At present, seven air taxi operators as per details given below have been permitted to operate their services:

1. M/s Indian International Airways Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s Delhi Gulf Airways Services Pvt. Ltd.
3. M/s U.B. Air Private Ltd.
4. M/s Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt. Ltd.
5. M/s Continental Air Pvt. Ltd.
6. M/s. Jagson Airlines.
7. M/s East West Travel & Trade Ltd.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**Excessive Import of certain drugs**

4180. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allegations of excessive imports than actual requirement for actual production of Ethambutol, Rifampicin, Cephalexin and several other drugs have been received against a leading producer;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has failed to give the details of total imports of raw materials for export production of the above drugs, total exports, FOB value of exports CIF import contents, CCS paid from the year 1987-88 onwards and as a result the company has cheated the exchequer by crores of rupee with tie-up of certain beaurocrats of his Ministry;

(c) what are the full facts of this case and what is the stage at which the matter stands; and

(d) whether it is a fact that no action can be taken for excessive import made by this company in the past against advance licences and open general licences having announced the new Exim policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. We have received a report from Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs and the matters is being looked into by Ministry of Finance.

(b) No, Sir. Advance Licences were granted on the basis of standard input-output norms published in Appendix 13C.

(c) and (d) The matter is being looked into by Ministry of Finance.

**Trade interest of Tibetan Refugees**

4181. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade interest of the Tibetan refugees is likely to be adversely affected because of the memorandum signed between Government of India and China; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for safeguarding the trade interests of the Tibetan refugees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Recommendations of Seven Member Committee for Boosting Exports**

4182. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seven Member Committee set up by Government have submitted a time-bound plan for boosting exports;